



CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight & Land Use Committee

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

5:00 pm

City Council Office

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation & Personnel

4:30 p.m.

I. Interviews 5:00 pm

5:00 – Arline Ratajczak – appointment – Zoning Hearing Board

5:15 – Ernest Schlegel – appointment – Park and Recreation
Advisory Committee

5:30 – Peter Sutliff – reappointment – Historical Architectural
Review Board

5:45 – Jim Snyder – reappointment – Downtown Improvement
District Authority

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo/BAC Openings

Review Reports

Human Resources Report

Call Center Report

Upcoming Topics

Zoning Ordinance Amendment - underway

SALDO - underway

Review of enabling legislation for 2 Boards, Authorities & Commissions per year

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Bushong Mill Dam

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.



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**Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, M. Baez

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by S. Marmarou, Chair.

I. Interviews

Brian Bingaman (appointment – Planning Commission)

Ms. Baez questioned why Mr. Bingaman was interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Mr. Bingaman replied that he was born and raised in Reading. He noted his volunteer work at the Centre Park Artifacts Bank and his interaction with Mike Lauter. Mr. Bingaman noted that he has attended the last three meetings of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Bingaman had any ideas to improve the work of the Planning Commission. Mr. Bingaman replied that he did not have any improvements to recommend but he noted that he has not agreed with all of the opinions he has heard. He noted that full agreement at all times can be detrimental to the process. He noted the importance of bringing business to the City and allowing them to flourish.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Bingaman to the Planning Commission.

David Todd Chrisman (appointment – Park and Recreation Advisory Committee)

Mr. Chrisman did not appear for his interview. Ms. Katzenmoyer will make another attempt for the February meeting.

Raymond Schuenemann III (appointment – Water Authority)

Mr. Marmarou noted that Mr. Schuenemann is new to Reading and has been getting involved in the community. Mr. Marmarou requested a background from Mr. Schuenemann. Mr. Schuenemann noted that he moved to Reading last year and his desire to become involved in the community's government. He noted his experience in finance, investment accounting, and auditing. He noted his current position as a securities fraud attorney.

Mr. Marmarou stated his belief that Mr. Schuenemann's background would make him a good fit for the Water Authority. He briefly described some of the issues the Water Authority is facing. Mr. Schuenemann noted that he would be comfortable in this situation as he faces it frequently in his line of work. He noted his willingness to study the Water Authority's policies and procedures for inefficiencies.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Schuenemann to the Water Authority.

Lori Knockstead (appointment – Stadium Commission)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Ms. Knockstead was interested in serving on the Stadium Commission. Ms. Knockstead noted that she has lived in Reading since 1995 and described her involvement in several State committees. She noted the many hours spent at the stadium with her friends and family.

Mr. Marmarou noted that Ms. Knockstead would be the first female member of the Stadium Commission. He stated his belief that all City boards, authorities and commissions need more diversity.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Ms. Knockstead to the Stadium Commission.

Robert Fegley (appointment – Plumbing Board)

Ms. Baez questioned if Mr. Fegley was a master plumber. Mr. Fegley indicated that he was.

Ms. Baez questioned where Mr. Fegley resided. Mr. Fegley noted that he lived in Exeter Township.

Mr. Marmarou questioned Ms. Katzenmoyer regarding Mr. Fegley's need to be a City resident. Ms. Katzenmoyer replied that due to the need for members to be master plumbers, some members were not City residents.

Ms. Baez questioned why Mr. Fegley wished to become involved with this board. Mr. Fegley noted that he has been a plumber for 29 years. He has observed some changes in the plumbing business which could be viewed as detrimental and approached the City Plumbing Inspector about becoming a member of the Board. It is his hope to build the trade into a strong presence once again by reviewing and possibly returning to past procedures. He noted the current lax requirements and standards which need to be raised. He also noted his wish to become involved in the community.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Fegley to the Plumbing Board.

Henriette Alban (appointment – Library Board of Trustees)

Ms. Baez questioned why Ms. Alban was interested in serving on the Library Board. Ms. Alban described her love of books and reading. She noted that she has spent much time in libraries and has a great appreciation for them. She stated that libraries have become cultural centers and that reading is a gateway to a good life. She informed the Committee that she designed and cares for the library garden.

Mr. Marmarou noted the financial situation of the City and requested Ms. Alban's opinion on library funding. Ms. Alban stated her belief that it was criminal to cut funding to libraries. She noted that the City should be pulling funding from other departments to better fund the library. She noted the need for creative ideas.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Ms. Alban to the Library Board of Trustees.

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk